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Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated **April 4, 2006**, extended from **July 4, 2006** to **August 4, 2006** by a **one (1)** month Petition for Extension of Time, applicant respectfully requests reconsideration of the 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) rejection of claims 1-2 as anticipated by U.S. Patent 6,443,645 B1 to Takei et al. (hereafter, "**Takei et al.**").

Takei et al. discloses a printer with cutter blades for printing on rolled paper and slipsheet.

FIG. 2 shows that hinge 40a is slightly higher than platen shaft 41 when the cover is in a closed position. Thus, "a straight line connecting a shaft of the platen to a shaft of the hinge" is not parallel to the bottom surface of the portable type terminal equipment, in contrast to the present invention, in which such a defined straight line is parallel to the bottom surface, as specifically recited in claim 1.